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New Jersey Lottery Instant Game Players Claimed Top-tier Prizes Valued at More than \$6.17 Million in February

TRENTON, NJ – (March 11, 2014) –New Jersey Lottery instant game players scratched and claimed top-tier annuity prizes valued at more than \$6.17 million during February. There were 29 claims for the month including \$1,000,000 claims for each of the following games: one \$150 Million Cash Spectacular; one \$100,000,000 Spectacular; two Diamond Spectaculars; and one Merry Millionaire.

There were winners across the instant game brand categories including Massive Money Bingo, High Roller, The Golden Ticket, Big Money Spectacular, Lucky Lines, Crossword and so many more. Players purchased winning tickets in Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Salem, and Union Counties.



One of our favorite monthly winner stories features James and his wife Zaffiria. They were on an anniversary date night celebration. Before heading to a romantic dinner, they stopped at their favorite retailer, Party Wines & Liquors, 469 Mount Pleasant Ave., West Orange in Essex County. While there, they bought a \$100 Million Spectacular game ticket. In the car, Zaffiria scratched the ticket as James drove to the restaurant. They never made it to their destination. Zaffiria used her unique scratching technique where she scratches just a portion of the play area and then uncovers the winning amount. Zaffiria discovered they had a matching number. When James asked what the amount was that she uncovered she said, “It’s just an L.” James responded, “You did it” while Zaffiria shrieked, “Pull over, I can’t do this anymore.” James knew that the L was the last letter of the 1MILL prize designation meaning they won \$1,000,000.

Each time a player wins, so does the ticket-selling retailer. Retailers earn a 2.5 percent bonus on each top-tier prize-winning instant ticket they sell. In addition, when a retailer cashes a winning instant game or online game ticket (valued at \$599 or below), regardless of whether they sold it, they receive a 1.25 percent cashing commission. This is in addition to the 5 percent commission on

all the lottery tickets they sell. In February, retailers earned more than \$6.88 million in commissions from selling, cashing and incentive bonuses from instant ticket games.

New Jersey residents benefit from Lottery funds generated by ticket sales. Lottery revenue supports educational programs, grants and institutions across the State. Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.net) has contributed more than \$22 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In fiscal year 2013 the Lottery's contribution was more than \$1 billion. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, community and other colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

The lottery also plays a key role in supporting small businesses throughout the state with approximately 6,800 Lottery retailers. In fiscal year 2013, the Lottery retailers earned more than \$157 million in commissions supporting convenience stores and other establishments throughout the state. Every day, the Lottery helps to make winners by: providing entertainment and winning jackpots for lottery players, supporting the business community that serves as Lottery retailers and generating financial support for vital programs and organizations in our State.

The chart on the following page lists all of the games that paid out top-tier prizes in February and the lucky retailers who sold them.

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FEBRUARY 2014 INSTANT GAME TOP-TIER WINNING TICKETS

Selling Retailer Name	Address	City	Validation Number & Game Name	Prize Amount	County
W's Freshmart	2490 Rt. 22 East	Union	1204 - \$150 Million Cash Spectacular	1,000,000.00	Union
Party Wines & Liquors	469 Mt. Pleasant Avenue	West Orange	1134 - \$100,000,000 Spectacular	1,000,000.00	Essex
Nina Exxon	1737 Kennedy Blvd	Jersey City	1167 - Diamond Spectacular	1,000,000.00	Hudson
T-Bowl Smoke Shop	1055 Hamburg TpK.	Wayne	1167 - Diamond Spectacular	1,000,000.00	Passaic
MS Grocery	733 Montgomery Street	Jersey City	1184 - Merry Millionaire	1,000,000.00	Hudson
Shop Rite #539	1224 Blackwood/Clementon Rd	Clementon	1193 - Massive Money Bingo	250,000.00	Camden
Welsh Farm	1282 Stuyvesant Avenue	Union	1193 - Massive Money Bingo	250,000.00	Union
Addison Shop	268 Park Avenue	Rutherford	1207 - High Roller	200,000.00	Bergen
Country Farm	428 North Warwick Rd	Somerdale	1106 - The Golden Ticket	75,000.00	Camden
Krauszer's	18 South Valley Road	West Orange	1179 - Bingo Boxes	40,000.00	Essex
Parks Sam Corp	290 Route 40	Elmer	1186 - Holiday Lucky Times 10	30,000.00	Salem
City Grocery & News	3418 Kennedy Blvd	Jersey City	1186 - Holiday Lucky Times 10	30,000.00	Hudson
Main Street Deli	300 Blackwood/Clementon Rd	Pine Hill	1201 - Big Money Spectacular	30,000.00	Camden
Mini Mart	74 W. Westfield Avenue	Roselle Park	1201 - Big Money Spectacular	30,000.00	Union
Jersey News	7217 Bergenline Avenue	North Bergen	1205 - Love to Win!	25,000.00	Hudson
Postal Center	188 Jefferson Street	Newark	1138 - Lucky Lines	20,000.00	Essex
Wine Warehouse	2013-2015 Bergenline Avenue	Union City	1172 - Crossword	20,000.00	Hudson
Shoppers Express	525 Avenel Street	Avenel	1172 - Crossword	20,000.00	Middlesex
Speedy Mart	1471 Rt. 23 South	Wayne	1175 - 20x Cash	20,000.00	Passaic
Krauszer's Food Store	920 Prospect Street	Glen Rock	1175 - 20x Cash	20,000.00	Bergen
Re-Fresh Food Mart	750 S. Whitehorse Pike	Hammonton	1175 - 20x Cash	20,000.00	Atlantic
Seligman Pharmacy	900 Willow Avenue	Hoboken	1194 - Snow Me the Money	20,000.00	Hudson
7 - 11 # 39376	881 Route 1 South	Edison	1107 - Double Dollars	10,000.00	Middlesex
Krauszer's Food Store	119 Avenel Street	Avenel	1141 - Spring Doubler	10,000.00	Middlesex
Dollar Diamond	33-35 Broad Street	Bloomfield	1162 - 10x Cash 3rd edition	10,000.00	Essex
West Long Branch BP	133 Highway 36	W. Long Branch	1162 - 10x Cash 3rd edition	10,000.00	Monmouth
Krauszer's #281	150 7th Street	Clifton	1162 - 10x Cash 3rd edition	10,000.00	Passaic
MJ Supermarket	945 Frelinghuysen Avenue	Newark	1190 - Classic Bingo	10,000.00	Essex
Eddie's Liquor II	1622 Mt. Ephraim Avenue	Camden	1190 - Classic Bingo	10,000.00	Camden
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